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CRIMINOLOGY.

The ancient theory of crime was that people committed crimes for the same reason porpoises come to the surface of the ocean, because they felt like it. Human nature was supposed to be something practically uniform among all individuals, and the idea of the emergence of certain individuals being determined in certain specific directions, was not generally admitted. It might be more true to say that instead of an erroneous theory of crime being held, no scientific theory of crime was attempted at all. Now, however, the scientific method has invaded everything, and criminology is becoming a well recognized branch of the larger science of sociology. So far, in this department science is merely groping towards results. Many people are familiar with the work of Bertillon and Lombroso, to the extent at least of having heard their names. The former's study has been largely amongst criminals, the latter's among degenerates, some of them criminals in the ordinary sense of the word, and some not. The object of such investigations has been to discover a criminal diathesis visible in the constitution of the body, from which the commission of crime could be safely predicted, provided the occasion of crime presented itself to the individual studied. The leaps taken by science, or we should say, by scientific men, from the particular to the general are sometimes amazing to the ordinary mind, but they are nothing at all to what is accomplished by the popular imagination in that way under the influence of the modern popularity of so-called science. It is firmly embedded in the popular mind that science has discovered, or is about to discover, a means of accurately diagnosing a presumptive criminal by the shape of his ears, his skull, his teeth, his palate, or his left hand. This supposition is strengthened by the popular and quite correct recognition of a criminal cast of countenance. But there is a question whether that criminal appearance is not a result of criminal intentions or of criminal actions. Is it acquired through crime or, a very different thing, where it exists, accompanied by crime? If this criminal appearance is inherent in the body, it should be visible in babyhood and after death. We know of course that to some people very young babies all look like criminals of the deepest dye, but that is not the point. Even if there were a scientific astrology which could mark for the galleys or the cell, the babe in arms, it is quite certain that the popular recognition of a criminal appearance would not support such a scientific analysis. And we rather imagine that after death had stamped the lineaments with that strange, severe, but peaceful masque death brings, the popular intelligence would hesitate to say with certainty, "Here lies a self-betrayed criminal." To popular recognition, criminality stamps the features through the consciousness of crime on the part of the criminal. No doubt certain crimes are more common among human beings of low mental development. But it may be asked whether such crimes are not more common among such people, because the ordinary restraints against crime are less binding upon them, and whether, given a stronger motive and more favorable occasion, persons of a higher mentality are not as often guilty of the same or similar crimes. Students of criminology recognize four variations from the normal type of human beings, dependency, delinquency, defectiveness, and genius. In the first class are willing paupers, tramps, and so forth. In the second, criminals, in the third, insane people, and in the fourth, men of genius. This classification is very convenient, but science has not yet discovered any certain method of determining whether a man is normal or abnormal in any one of these directions. Some persons can be placed without hesitation in one or other of these classifications, but the line of demarcation between the normal and the abnormal is not a sharp line of cleavage, but a gradual and imperceptible variation. In the study of crime, science has to get over the fact that the greater proportion of specific acts of crime are performed by apparently normal people, so far as physical diathesis is an indication, and that a great number of abnormal people never commit any crime at all. For instance, quite a few criminals are ambidextrous, and a still larger proportion, left-handed. But all criminals are not either ambidextrous or left-handed, and by no means all ambidextrous or left-handed people are criminals. The only conclusion is that among people who vary from the normal, crime is more common than among those who do not. Being ambidextrous or left-handed is admittedly a variation from the normal. A variation from the normal presupposes a weakening of conventional restraints, because convention is simply the outward expression of normal human existence. But this weakening of conventional restraint may result in beneficial initiative, it is not necessarily determined towards prejudicial initiative. If an examination were made, it would probably be found that among heroes, world leaders, and reformers, quite a large proportion were ambidextrous or left-handed, as among criminals. The world has not waited for modern science to ac-

quire the knowledge that people who vary from the normal are more potent for good and evil than those who do not. They are more potent for evil for the same reason that they are more potent for good, and their partial determination towards evil is due to the same causes, whatever these may be, to which the partial determination towards evil of other people is also due.

THE BRITISH PREFERENCE.

First Sir Wilfrid Laurier would not stoop to ask for a mutual preference from Great Britain; then he did ask for it; now he threatens to withdraw preferential treatment unless it is granted. Thus we see the evolution of the preferential tariff question in the Liberal party. This chameleon-like government which we have today changes its color with every change in its environment. It is never the same for any length of time. What body of public opinion and what principles of political action are governing Canada today? What currents affect the course of the government, and by what compass is the country steered? There constantly appears to be no measure or opinion which a Liberal advocates today, which he may not be obliged to combat tomorrow, upon the penalty of ceasing to be called a Liberal. The policy of the Liberal party used to be an anti-national and anti-imperial fiscal incorporation in the United States, by means of so-called reciprocity. Persistence in this policy, which was utterly antagonistic to the whole genius of the country, led the Liberal party into apparently irretrievable ruin. But by abandoning it, and adopting a different attitude towards national development, the Liberal party was resurrected, and in a very short time victorious. Decried as the Conservative party had become by 1896, Canada would never have entrusted her destiny to the Liberals had they not recanted their trade heresies and abjured their disloyal attitude. It looks now, however, as if the Liberal party was about again to reconstruct its ideas, and to resurrect the policy of reciprocity with the United States, which has been decently buried for some years. If the danger to Canada were not greater than the certainty of defeat to the Liberal party on this issue, we could wish for nothing better than such a suicidal policy on the part of political opponents. But we do not desire to see Canada humiliated, even by a government with which Canada is not in sympathy. To our mind, it is terrible to hear men in the House of Commons invite Canada to become the ivy upon the noble tree of United States industry, descending upon the height and luxuriance to which we would thereby reach. No height nor luxuriance is attractive to us reached in the attitude of a parasite and dependent. The Canadian nation is a tree of good stock and sturdy growth, planted in a noble soil. It is no vine to crawl along the ground, or only to upraise its head when it finds a monarch of the forest to which it may cling. Its opportunity of best development lies in independence, both political and fiscal, save in those Imperial relations where interdependence does not predicate subservience, and brings no modifying influence to bear upon local and internal development.

THE FRANK DISASTER.

The occurrence at Frank is one of those sudden, overwhelming and complete catastrophes which occasionally remind men that they do not altogether control the forces of Nature. The cause of the disaster will never probably be accurately determined, but it is quite certain that it was not in any way due to volcanic activity. It was evidently a breaking away of the shell or surface of the mountain, and not an eruption from the centre of the mountain. If any proof of that were needed apart from the well known geological character of the formation, it would be found in the fact that the interior workings of the coal mine were undisturbed. It is impossible to conceive of an eruption which would leave a mile long tunnel uninjured and undisturbed except at its mouth, and would permit of miners in those workings escaping to the open air with impunity. But although the situation was relieved of the awful dread which men very reasonably entertain of seismic disturbances, the catastrophe must nevertheless have been terrible to the extreme to those in its immediate neighborhood. Those who were killed were swept away in one instant of uncomprehended horror, and those who were not killed, did not know at what moment the destruction they had seen overtake their fellows, might overwhelm themselves. Fear and pity and awe must have been present in a paralyzing degree, giving place only to that splendid human quality which catastrophe brings out, the desire to succor and relieve others. No incident of this disaster more affects the imagination than the sudden and unexpected appearance of the entombed miners. Without warning, in the twinkling of an eye, a whole community was devastated by a catastrophe, of which it could neither assign the cause, interpret the meaning, nor foresee the limits. Equally without warning, eighteen men, given up as lost, appeared to the gaze of their friends and relatives as from an ark of safety. It was like a rainbow in the heavens, a sign that the Hand of God was stayed, a reassertion of the normal, bringing the swift relief of tears to the horror-stricken people. History and literature might be searched in vain, for any alleviation more tragically grand of the terror accompanying an unforeseen and unavoidable catastrophe. The sympathy of all will go out to the survivors of this mysterious occurrence, and particularly to those who have lost home and home, children or parents, breadwinners, or those for whom labor is a duty and a pleasure. Whatever can be done in relief, help, and encouragement will be done freely and from the heart. Nor will the province or people of British Columbia be backward in coming to the assistance of a community of our neighbors who have endured so severely.

While traveling on skis in Yellowstone Park the other day, President Roosevelt fell headlong into a snowdrift. It has happened to Bryan twice.

Senator Dewey is sixty-nine years of age. But few of his jokes are not older than that.

There are 145 Mormon missionaries at work in Germany. Their expulsion has been ordered on the ground that their teaching is incompatible with the laws of the state and public morals. They are all American citizens.

"J. A. B." desires an answer to the question, why tram cars are allowed to cross Point Ellice bridge at a higher rate of speed than hacks? We never gained a prize for answering conundrums, and we never expect to gain one.

The reason why crop prospects in the United States will be keenly watched this year, according to one authority, is that the New York stock market cannot stand reverses. This is rather a stronger reason for hoping for a bountiful harvest.

In 10 days silver rose 2½ cents an ounce. Heavy purchases by the United States for Philippine currency purposes, and a good Oriental demand are the moving causes. A rising market in silver would be a great boon to our sorely tried silver-lead mines in British Columbia.

The Interstate Commerce Commission, which has been investigating recent advances in freight rates on iron and its manufactures, dressed beef, packing-house products and grain and grain products, has handed down a decision which, briefly stated, indorses all the advances made save those in grain and its products.

Experts who calculate the precise day and minute at which the coal supply of the world will be exhausted, have received a shock through the recent discovery of a new coal field in Pennsylvania estimated to contain three hundred million tons of coal. It is nothing to the shock they will receive when they begin to take British Columbia into their calculations.

The Massachusetts State Board of Arbitration in investigating the strike of cotton operatives at Lowell, has found that only one mill is earning enough money to pay ten per cent. increase of wages, and has also declared that the cost of living has not increased twenty-five per cent. while wages have remained the same. We imagine that none of the members of the Massachusetts State Board of Arbitration are either candidates for political office or have any intention of becoming such.

Rural free mail delivery in the United States is reported to be having one unforeseen but after all not so very extraordinary result. In bringing people in rural communities better in touch with the world, it is incidentally bringing them better in touch with the city departmental store, to the sad detriment of the country merchant. Is the time coming when it will be all country and city, and when the semi-rural distributing centre will have totally disappeared?

Bradstreet's, after noticing certain serious symptoms of competition between the Northern Pacific and the C. P. R., involving incursions by the former into Manitoba, and by the latter into Dakota, goes on to say: "The prospects at present therefore favor a renewal of railroad building of a competitive character in the Northwest. In fact, railroad authorities are somewhat alarmed lest the movement should result in a serious tendency to cut rates and destroy the existing harmony among the Western railroad systems. It will be recalled that the Canadian Pacific management has shown its ability to fight strongly, and in the main, successfully, for what it deemed to be its rights in respect to traffic and rates, and that but for the extremely large proportions of the tonnage carried by all the Pacific lines in the last two or three years, this conflict would not have been terminated so peaceably. The position of the "So" road and the threatened invasion of the Canadian Northwestern provinces by the Northern Pacific at this time seem to be clouds on the railroad horizon which may in a short time develop into a genuine storm." As the people of the West are shippers and therefore railway dividend producers, and not railway shareholders, and therefore dividend consumers, they will hail the prospects of such a storm with entirely different feelings from those which inspire Bradstreet's comment.

CHINESE TAX.

Sir, A letter appeared in the Colonist last week advocating a petition to the Federal government against the increased Chinese tax. You are a perfect fool. Why can't you be like your little playmate, Lolla Green? She is gentle, soft voiced, well behaved and always ladylike. "Yes," said May, "but so's her mother."—Chicago Tribune.

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British Columbia mining interests have had many vicissitudes during the last decade. Ill-timed legislation, stupid management, foolish strikes and wild speculations have all combined to mar its development. But in spite of all, it has gone on and at the present time it ranks among the world's greatest mining regions.

It is reported that the government are considering a proposition to guarantee the interest on the cost of constructing 100

miles of the Canadian Northern railway in the district between Inwood and Prince Albert railway, taking in return a mortgage on the line when built. The cost of this line, with terminals, would probably be about \$3,000 in a mile or an aggregate of \$1,400,000.—Trade Journal.

According to his enemies, Mr. Gurney first sold himself to Cap Sullivan and his colleagues in the cabinet; then he sold himself back to the Tories; then he again sold himself all round the table to the Griggs. And they are so overjoyed about the last sale that they don't stop to think that where there is a sale there is a buyer.—Hamilton Spectator.

The New Denver Lodge and the Sandon Paybreak, the two most distinctive and locally colored newspapers in the mining country of British Columbia, have amalgamated. The new paper retains the heading of The Lodge, with the landscape of New Denver, "the only town in the Kootenays with a side." May it fulfill the facetiously expressed hope of The Paybreak, and "enable one newspaper in the Kootenays to make an honest living."—Toronto Globe.

The Dominion government must understand that the people of Manitoba are in earnest in their demand that an immediate stop be put to the participation of civil servants as principals in a political campaign. It is a grave wrong that men who are bound to serve all classes in the community equally and who draw their pay from all classes, should use their position for partisan ends.—Winnipeg Tribune.

George Francis Alexander Seymour, Earl of Yarmouth, who was married Monday to Alice Cornelia Thaw, a Pittsburgh heiress, is said to have taken this apprehension for delight on his wedding day "quite cozy." There is no reason why he should not. Are the deacons now in hand whereby all such disagreeable demands must be met? Did not His Grace of Manchester come through an ordeal of this kind unscathed and with money in his pocket? Take the matter coolly! Was he not fully prepared for it? Why should he fume and fret at this stage of a successful game?—Portland Oregonian.

PROVINCIAL PRESS.

As announced in our advertising columns the coal company invoice at Mortuary will be thrown open to the public on Friday, May 1st. The company had planned to put this paper on the market last fall, but owing to the delays and unfavorable weather conditions it was wisely decided to postpone the matter until spring.—Fermie Free Press.

A new and decidedly interesting proposal has been made in connection with the approaching annual inspection of the militia in Rossland and other points where companies of the Rocky Mountain Rangers are located. Lieutenant Colonel Holmes has been requested to conduct the inspection at Nelson on Dominion Day, and to authorize the assembling at Nelson on the day of the entire regiment.—Rossland Miner.

Navigation with the Lardero country will be regularly opened up on Friday next, May 1st. The O. P. R. will commence a tri-weekly service on the 1st, the steamer Komak leaving Nelson at 4 p. m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, reaching Lardero at 9:30 and Trout Lake City at 11:30 the same night. From Trout Lake the steamer Victoria will leave on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 4 p. m. Passengers will have to stay over night at Lardero, the steamer Komak leaving that point at 5 a. m.—Nelson News.

The many friends of Indian Agent Frank Devlin will be sorry to hear that there is apparently little hope of his recovery. He was taken to St. Mary's hospital about a fortnight ago, suffering from a gripe, but it developed into typhoid pneumonia, and within a few days he was in a critical condition. It has become so critical that this morning it was feared the patient would not live much longer. N. W. Columbian.

In reply to the application of the Nelson School Board for a set of specimens of Canadian minerals, Dr. Arthur has received from Mr. Robert Bell of the Geological Survey Department, Ottawa, a letter informing him that the specimens have been shipped and will be placed in the High School, which is all ready as regards its equipment second to none in the province.—Nelson Economist.

As showing the feeling of the local blacksmiths that the orders given by Executive Officer Marshall are a gross betrayal of the principles of unionism, one of the local blacksmiths took off the badge of his union from the lapel of his coat and told his new helper to start work by hitting that.

LIABILITIES.

"Does your baseball club play on Sunday?" "No, nor on any other day."—Washington Star.

"Allegory—Poor chap; he's walking on his knees. Pigletty—Dear, dear! Can't even call his own."—Harvard Lampoon.

"I hear she has become engaged to a rich man from St. Louis." "What a risk to run, with Missouri grand juries in session."—Chicago Record Herald.

The equestrienne—I wonder what the equestrienne of the future will be expected to do. The clown—Oh, I suppose she'll have to manage four flies, untamed automobiles.—Puck.

"I hear you done got married, Beter Will." "Yes, she's a swell, and she's got a wife." "She what? I live at St. Louis. I don't have money to pay de license on 'em on my honeymoon."—Atlanta Constitution.

Churchman—That was an eloquent sermon you preached to us last Sunday, eh? "The Poor We Have Always With Us." The pastor—Yes, I was inspired. I had observed how small the collection was that day.—Philadelphia Press.

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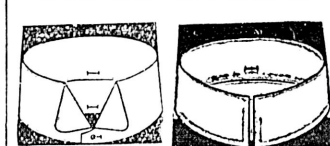
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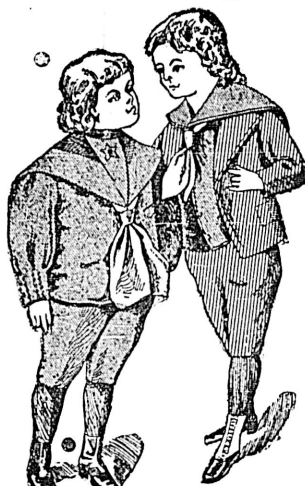
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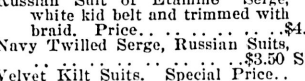
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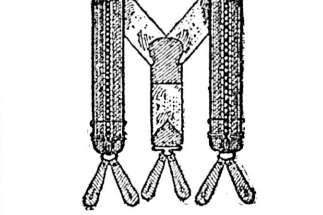
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Mr. Oliver's Committee

Chief Commissioner Gives Full
Explanation as to Crown
Grants.Correspondence With Heads of
C. P. R. Produced in Cor-
roboration.

Hon. Wilmer C. Wells, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, told what he knows in the matter of the Columbia and Western land grants, before the Oliver investigating committee yesterday. The statement in chief was made at 10:30 o'clock, and when the committee adjourned until today, at 12:45, Mr. Oliver had just got "nicely begun" with his cross-examination. As Hon. Mr. Wells' testimony is regarded as the most important which the committee will have opportunity to consider, the attendance was the largest at any of the committee's sittings, and much general interest was manifested in the proceedings by the members of the legislature and by the railway men.

In his primary statement, the Chief Commissioner referred to the passage of the original order-in-council authorizing the preparation of the much discussed Crown grants, the executive having decided to rescind the grant of the B. C. Southern and apply it to the Columbia and Western, which was virtually the same company. The terms of the order-in-council showed that the two blocks referred to were proposed to be given in full satisfaction of the subsidy earned on section 3 of the line.

During the preparation of the grant, it had occurred to Hon. Mr. Wells that he would like further assurance from the then Premier, Mr. Dunsinuir, of his thorough understanding of the purport of the transaction, before it was finally gone into. He had accordingly sent for Mr. Dunsinuir, shortly before leaving for Montreal, at the Lands and Works offices—having a feeling that he was responsible to Mr. Dunsinuir in carrying the transaction to a conclusion. Hon. Mr. Dunsinuir was also present at the interview resulting, although it was not an executive meeting. He (Mr. Wells) no sooner explained the situation than Mr. Dunsinuir remarked that that was his understanding of the case at all, and had agreed that the proposed settlement would not do. Mr. Dunsinuir had said emphatically that it would not do to carry out the settlement on the proposed basis, and in the event the government would feel itself justified in carrying out the proposition discussed. There was also some said as to further concessions of land, but the completion of the line to Spence's Bridge was the crux of the government's demand.

Shortly after this Mr. Brown had come to the Lands and Works office, and (Mr. Wells) had told him that the government insisted, as a consideration to the completion of the settlement, that the line be completed from Midway to Spence's Bridge. Mr. Brown had replied that he was satisfied that there would be no difficulty in that matter. So that when Mr. Brown stated that he understood the trip to Montreal was simply to make delivery of the grants upon a completed agreement, Mr. Brown was entirely incorrect, having understood distinctly the condition that was to be imposed imperatively, as to building to Spence's Bridge. This condition was also clearly understood and approved by the Premier, Mr. Dunsinuir, Hon. Mr. Prentice, and the witness, although Hon.

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Mrs. A. Vanbuskirk, Robinson street, Montreal, N. B., and whose husband is carpenter on the I. C. R., states:
"For years I have used Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine for my children whenever they take cold. I used it first with one of my children suffering with a severe form of asthma. It seemed as though the least exposure to cold or dampness would bring on an attack of this disease. I began using this medicine, and must say that I found it most excellent. It has never tried anything in the way of a cough medicine that worked so satisfactorily. It seemed to go right to the diseased parts and brought speedily relief."
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ly understood this memorandum as embodying the conditions upon which delivery of the grants was contingent. He had seen Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, before leaving Montreal for the West, and the railway president had observed that there was "evidently nothing further to do." Thomas had also made the statement:

"If you think it will embarrass your government or get your yourself into trouble, don't deliver these grants, we don't want them," or "don't give them to us."

He had returned to Victoria about the 11th or 15th. The grants had never left his possession. They had never been in possession of the C. P. R. The C. P. R. officials had indeed never seen them. Further than that, there had been a distinct understanding that the grants were not to be delivered unless the condition was accepted as to building to Spence's Bridge.

Asked by Mr. Helleken as to Mr. George McL. Brown's statement that he had not delivered the grants, Mr. Wells said that within 30 days, or had that been the case, Mr. Brown "not to worry, that the company would get the grants in due time." Hon. Mr. Wells observed that it was the condition of the grants that they were not to be delivered unless the condition was accepted as to building to Spence's Bridge.

Explaining his statement in the House that no acceptance of the South East Kootenay grant had been received, Hon. Mr. Wells explained that he meant a formal acceptance legally binding upon the company. His statement that a petition of right had been applied for, and refused, and been contradicted by Mr. Brown, and also by Hon. Mr. Elberts; the company had asked that the government intervene, which in his opinion was about the same thing.

MEMO RE EXTENSION OF C. & V. RAILWAY.

Your company has earned the land subsidy for section 4, say \$300,000, and has caused Crown grants to be extended to section 5 has been constructed. Upon completion of sections 5 and 6 it would have earned a total of \$1,200,000, or in all \$3,000,000.

As it now stands these subsidies have been forfeited, the remaining sections, 6 and 7, not having been completed within the prescribed time.

If your company will submit a proposal for section 4, say \$300,000, and for section 5, say \$300,000, and for section 6, say \$300,000, and for section 7, say \$300,000, and for section 8, say \$300,000, and for section 9, say \$300,000, and for section 10, say \$300,000, and for section 11, say \$300,000, and for section 12, say \$300,000, and for section 13, say \$300,000, and for section 14, say \$300,000, and for section 15, say \$300,000, and for section 16, say \$300,000, and for section 17, say \$300,000, and for section 18, say \$300,000, and for section 19, say \$300,000, and for section 20, say \$300,000, and for section 21, say \$300,000, and for section 22, say \$300,000, and for section 23, say \$300,000, and for section 24, say \$300,000, and for section 25, say \$300,000, and for section 26, say \$300,000, and for section 27, say \$300,000, and for section 28, say \$300,000, and for section 29, say \$300,000, and for section 30, say \$300,000, and for section 31, say 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